

The Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund

Quick Facts

Since its inception in 1988, the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund has funneled millions of dollars to Utah charities that aid the homeless, including shelters and caseworkers who canvass city streets for people in need of food, winter clothing or a warm blanket.

Donations - made by checking a box on your Utah income tax form – directly benefit the state's neediest men, women and children: \$2 pays for hot meal, \$12 pays for one night at a shelter, and \$40 pays for a night of transitional housing and other supports for abused women and their children.

Contributions this year will help Utah achieve its goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2014.

Last year, 100 homeless men and women moved into permanent housing with supportive services funded, in part, by the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund. In the pipeline are more units. By 2009, more than 500 men and women will occupy apartments, a quarter of the state's chronically homeless population.

How Can You Help

Donate \$2 or more on line 19 of your Utah Income Tax Return, TC-40. Select code 02 for the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund.

Or, write a check payable to, "Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund," and mail it to: Jonathan Hardy, Division of Housing & Community Development, 324 S. State St., Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Where does the money go?

- 33 % emergency shelter operations
- 27 % case management services
- 19 % transitional housing
- 12 % permanent housing
- 5 % meals
- 4% homeless outreach and day centers

More Background

- An estimated 13,425 Utahns are homeless each year.
- Families comprise 35 % of the homeless population.
- 12 % are chronically homeless (for more than one year, or three times in four years). They consume more than half of the resources.